# REPORT

## Prepared by Order of the Central Board of the Church Society of the Diocese of Quebec.

The Select Committee, appointed at the Meeting of the Central Board, held May 14th 1856, to Report on the Motion of W. G. Wurtele, Esq., and to take into consideration a Paper read by the Rev. H. Roe, having met on the 27th ult., and again by adjournment on the 31st, beg leave respectfully to report:

That they have, in conformity with the Resolution of the Board, carefully considered the several clauses of Mr. Wurtele's Motion, with the exception of the 1st and 7th: which, having been adopted at the late Meeting of the Board, did not, of course, fall under their cognizance; but the introduction of which here, as also of the 4th clause, they consider advisable, in order that the whole subject may be submitted at one view to the notice of the Board.

1st Clause:—"That it is desirable that this Society should aid in the work of establishing and maintaining Stationary Missions within the Diocese."

4th Clause:—"That whenever any Mission shall make known to this Association that "they have subscribed not less than per Ann., for a period of not less than years; and "this Society being satisfied that the said amount is properly secured, and that the Lord "Bishop of the Diocese has sanctioned the formation of such Mission, and appointed a "Clergyman thereto, this Society will be prepared to furnish the necessary amount to "make up the sum of per annum."

7th Clause:—"That the Fund for Widows and Orphans of Clergymen (being sufficiently large) be, for the present, closed. And that in lieu thereof a Missionary Fund "be opened, and an Annual Sermon be preached therefor."

Having devoted their best attention to the several subjects submitted to their consideration, your Committee beg leave to recommend:

1. That an Address be presented to the S. P. G., requesting that, instead of their present mode of affording aid to this Diocese, they will for the future grant an annual Sum of money, as arranged in the case of the Diocese of Montreal.

2. That the maximum Salary of Missionaries supported by this Society shall be £150 a year, and the minimum Salary £125, a year; and that the Church Society shall in no case contribute more than £100 a year towards the support of any Mission; nor shall it grant its aid towards any Mission in which the people contribute less than £25 a year. And further, that the Missionaries shall not be on the Pay-List of any other Association, nor have a claim for any gratuity that may be allowed to other Clergymen, labouring in this Diocese.

3. That whenever any Mission shall make known to this Association that they have subscribed the above mentioned, Sum of £25 or upwards, for a period of not less than Four Years; and this Society being satisfied that the said amount is properly secured, either by a personal guarantee from the different members of the Congregation, or otherwise, as may seem fit to the Board, and that the Lord Bishop of the Diocese has sanctioned the formation of such Mission, and appointed a Clergyman thereto, and every such Mission having bound itself to make an annual collection in aid of the Missionary Fund, proposed to be established, in addition to the Annual Collection for general purposes: this Society be prepared to furnish the sum requisite to raise the Salary of the Missionary to one or other of the amounts specified in the preceding clause.

4. That the Church-Wardens of such Missions be directed to certify in writing annually, to this Society, (at least one month previous to the Annual Meeting) that the sum agreed upon has been fully and truly paid; and any Mission failing to pay up the same, that notice (not exceeding twelve months) be given by this Society that the allowance will be stopped; and that the Lord Bishop be requested to close such Mission—and that, in the event of any Mission being so closed, such Mission be not entitled to be again placed on the Society's List on the same footing as before, except by express permission of the Central Board—and that it be optional with the Board to impose any such conditions as may seem fit to them.

5. And, lastly, the Committee recommend that clause, No. 6, be adopted, viz: "That in recognition of the foregoing, this Society will be prepared to sustain—Missions "until further notice—and that the Annual Standing grant for a Travelling Missionary be "One Hundred and Fifty Pounds."

The Rev. H. Roe, having submitted a paper in substitution of that read before the Board, May 14th, omitting such clauses as were indentical in substance with portions of Mr. Wurtele's Motion, your Committee beg leave, with reference to the suggestions contained therein, to recommend:

1. That every Mission in the Diocese be required to contribute towards the support its of own Minister; or else, if his Salary is provided for from other sources, to the new Missions Fund for the support of the Ministry in general: and thus to bear its share of the burden which rightly falls upon the whole body of the Diocese—and that no Mission now enjoying the advantage of a full Salary from other sources shall be at any future time admitted to the benefits of the proposed arrangments, unless it can be shewn to the satisfaction of the Central Board that such Mission has contributed, up to the time of its becoming vacant, according to its ability, to the Mission Fund.

2. That measures be adopted by the Central Board to ascertain at once to what extent each Mission is capable of contributing, under a fair consideration of all the circumstances of each, towards this object; in order to the drawing up of a graduated scale, according to which the aid of the Society, where it is needed, shall be granted.

3. That the Committees of the several District Associations be requested to furnish the Board, immediately, with the information necessary to the formation of such scale—and that in localities where the District Associations are not at present in operation, some other means be adopted without delay, for the attainment of the end proposed.

4. And, in conclusion, that it be suggested to the various District Associations to appoint an Agent to visit each Mission in the District, and to aid the Clergyman in setting fully and strongly before the people the sacred duty and urgent necessity of contributing according to their ability to the furtherance of this object.

*Ordered:*—That the foregoing Report be printed, and copies forwarded to the Clergy and Church-Wardens of the several Parishes and Missions of the Diocese of Quebec.

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